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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 19
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 19 moves the regularly scheduled fishing period for set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2013 to 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

Fishing with set and drift gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is extended from 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2013 until 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

The optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 420,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof sonar through 12:00 noon on July 21. The inriver (sonar) goal is 1,000,000–1,200,000 sockeye salmon in the Kenai River. The most current estimate of passage through 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 20, shows that nearly 946,000 sockeye salmon have passed the sockeye salmon sonar site in the Kenai River.

Fishing reports indicate reduced numbers of sockeye along the east side beaches. Additionally, the two offshore test fishing indices show low numbers of sockeye salmon within Cook Inlet.

Moving the regularly scheduled fishing period for the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Section of the Upper Subdistrict to Tuesday, July 23 is intended to maximize the harvest of sockeye salmon bound to the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.

Commercial fishing is extended in the Kasilof River Special Harvest area in order to continue to slow the passage of sockeye salmon to the Kasilof River.